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--As apparent from Table 5, while the amino acid solution had no significant effect of decreasing the coma period compared with the control group, the ammonia concentration in the blood was reduced significantly. On the other hand, the HSA alone showed no effect on the coma period or the ammonia concentration in the blood. However, the albumin preparation in which more than 0.01 w/v % of HSA was added to the amino acid solution in the present invention showed a significant effect on decreasing of the coma period and reducing the ammonia concentration in the blood.--

Please replace the table beginning at page 19, Table 6, with the following rewritten table:

<u>Table 6</u>

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composition	number of animals	coma period (min)	concentration of ammonia in the blood (\mu mol/dL)
Physiological saline	8	30 ± 3	123 ± 7
1.0 % BSA	6	23 ± 3	119 ± 10
Amino acid solution	6	17 ± 2**	94 ± 9*
Amino acid solution + 0.1 % BSA	6	7 ± 3**#	100 ± 4*
Amino acid solution + 1.0 % BSA	6	5 ± 3**##	69 ± 13**

Numbers show mean value \pm standard error.